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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome aboard all new district governors and officers of T. N. A! We have a lot of work to do in the future to keep T. N. A. on the GROW. I will depend on each of you to carry your part of the load. I know that each of you will come through with flying colors. One area that we will be pushing in the future is the junior part of T. N. A. I hope that we can find some way to have our junior members get involved in the affairs of T. N. A. Let me hear from you on this part of our association.

I'm looking forward to the next two years as your president. There are many things that need to be done to keep on top and with your help, ideas and support, we will continue to grow and keep our membership informed of the progress of numismatics.

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I get very few complaints but the one that pops up most often is from member clubs complaining of the seemingly lack of interest that their district governor shows by not visiting their club. Some of the clubs in the larger districts are several miles apart and it is very difficult to make them all regularly. I urge every district governor to visit the clubs in their respective district and keep them informed of the progress of T. N. A. These clubs are the lifeblood of T. N. A. and we certainly don't want to let them down.

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Next month's TNA News will carry the complete story of the Fort Worth convention just concluded. We hope you attended!

from the librarian

T.N.A. Memorial Library
Wally Gilmore
Box 74, Westaco, Texas 78596

Another slide set has been added to the ever-growing T. N. A. Memorial Library - it is Canada's Commemorative Dollars donated by Billie & Harvey Burns and Miriam & Wally Gilmore in memory of George A. Mather Jr. The coins are the property of Miriam and the photography was done by Gladys Robbins of Corpus Christi.

Please add to your library list - Canadian Numismatic Assn. library list donated by Mrs. Forrest Jones Sr. of Port Mansfield.

During April and May 10 slide sets were sent to clubs and two books were loaned.

THE 1900 COMMEMORATIVE SET
. . . . for the 400th anniversary of discovery of Brazil

BY C. H. ROBERTS,
Corpus Christi, Texas
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One writer says "The history of Brazil began in Lisbon on a sunny Sunday on March 9, 1500." The day had been set aside to honor and to encourage a contemplated voyage to India by Pedro Alvares Cabral. It was a great and festive occasion. The city was decorated with many flags and bands inspired everyone with their music. King Manuel and his court gave a royal function at the palace to honor Cabral and his officers and to wish them "BOA VIAGEM" (successful journey.) Pope Alexander VI sent the expeditionary leader a beautiful lavishly-decorated beret by special messenger. Berets, such as this one, were fashion pieces worn by the nobles; but this was a very special beret - it was blessed by the Holy Father.

This voyage was a follow up of Da Gama's successful discovery of a sea route to India. Actually this was a trade mission to promote and to maintain Portuguese trading posts in India. This mission and many others were to be successful. Lisbon became one of the most glamourous cities in Europe. Silks, gems, spices and other exotic goods poured in. And trade in this

4,000 REIS BRAZIL 1900 — Name of the discoverer is underneath his engraved portrait on the obverse, left. The flag of Brasil is in his left hand while his right indicates he has taken off his cap as a salute to Brasil.. He is claiming Brasil in the name of Portugal. By his cap is the STAR OF DISCOVERY. The English translation for the inscription in FOURTH CENTENNARY OF THE DISCOVER OF BRASIL. The mintage date is at the bottom. The reverse shows the shields of the two countries, Portugal on the left with the date 1500 below and Brasil on the right with the date 1900 below. Above is the denomination with the legend almost circling the coin. It is translated as REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF BRASIL. In the shield can be seen the famous star constellation THE SOUTHERN CROSS. The present Brasilian monetary system "The Cruzeiro" is named after this constellation. This coin is listed as Y-11.

merchandise flourished by sales to European merchants.

The Portuguese kingdom and its wealthy taxpayers were willing to send Cabral's fleet out as the best-financed and equipped one of that day and time. It was not a speculative plunge for Portugal. Through the efforts of Prince Henry's navigation school, Portugal had been studying and charting the then unknown seas since 1416. Great progress was made in maritime science as each new voyage was chartered. Essential records were made and filed for future references. With this background of navigational research the Portuguese became the dominant sea power of the world in 1500.

Cabral's fleet consisted of 13 ships. One thousand soldiers manned an ample supply of the best cannon installed for protection against piracy. Franciscan friars were engaged for the spiritual needs of both the crews and the passengers. The passengers were Portuguese merchants who had been attracted into venturing both their capital and their time in the new fields of world trade. The chance of seeing new worlds and the prestige of traveling with Cabral in the most up to date comfort and safety must have been inducements which prompted the merchants into making this journey.

All historians are in agreement about one point of this voyage: it was successful beyond all expectations. The success was the accidental discovery of Brazil.

Some authorities believe that the discovery was a result of an error in navigation. Was this error made by Cabral's crew? Or was it contained in the sea charts furnished to the expedition by the maritime services? Unconfirmed information has it that Brazil was visited by a few wandering explorers before 1500. Since no official records were made of these visits, it became the good fortune of Pedro Alvares Cabral to receive credit as THE OFFICIAL DISCOVERER of Brazil.

This much is known about the chance discovery which turned out to be an auspicious moment in Portuguese history. Da Gama briefed Cabral about the most favorable sea lanes to follow enroute to India. King Manuel instructed him to follow Da Gama's previous route, except that he was to avoid the currents of the African Gulf of Guinea by veering further southwest of the 1497 route taken by Da Gama. It was at the equator, as it passes through the Gulf of Guinea, that Cabral's route went too far to the southwest. Why he continued to navigate off course in this direction, perhaps, will never be known.

The Portuguese Historical Society says that, at a distance, Cabral sighted Mount Pascoal on the Brazilian coast on April 22, 1500. Approaching closer to the shoreline, of the state of Bahia, he saw the natives the next day. Then sailing north, for about 60 kilometers, to the vicinity of Porto Seguro he anchored the fleet. The Portuguese Historical Society, however, did not furnish the writer with the date of this anchoring. One author says that it was on April 25, 1500. The Society does say that on April 26, 1500 the first Mass was celebrated on Brazilian soil.

Cabral tarried about one week at Porto Seguro before continuing his journey to India. He authorized his secretary, Pedro Vaz Caminha, to write a letter to King Manuel about the particulars and circumstances pertaining to this discovery. This letter, written with a feathered pen, still exists in the Portuguese archives. Cabral considered this discovery so important that he ordered one of his ships to carry the letter immediately

to the king.

Cabral made two other decisions which showed he had the qualities of good judgement and foresight needed by a capable administrator of a great expeditionary enterprise. He persuaded one of the Indians to go to Portugal with the returning ship. Two sailors were induced to remain and dwell with the Indians. The Indian could be taught Portuguese so he could be used as an interpreter as well as a language teacher among his friends. The sailors would explore and settle the new land so they could furnish new information to their king. Their exploits would strengthen his claim to the new land. Unfortunately, the fate of these three persons are lost to history. No records remain of their identities and activities.

It was necessary for the Portuguese to take great precautions to keep Brazil a secret from the rest of the world. Their rivals, the English, the French, and the Spanish, were on the alert to assert their claims to any rich promises that appeared in the New World. The Portuguese did not have the population to promote big scale settlements in their colonies, let alone large armies and navies to defend them. They even had problems in securing the necessary manpower to staff their expeditionary fleets.

Between the 15th and 18th centuries, Portugal's population was more or less a constant million. From this number they could draw upon only 300,000 men at any given period. And this manpower furnished craftsmen, field workers, shopkeepers, servants, as well as personnel enlisted in the governmental agencies.

Rather than risk armed conflicts, the Portuguese monarchy used its wits and issued court orders for the map makers to show Brazil as an island surrounded by unnavigable hazards of rocks and shoals. As more wealth was discovered, these imaginary perils became greater and more pronounced on the newer maps. The Portuguese map makers were the best in Europe. Their products were so widely used throughout the continent

1,000 REIS BRAZIL 1900 — This is a liberty cap head coin because the portrait head of the figure LIBERTY appears on the obverse in the center. The Portuguese word for liberty is above the portrait. Material needed for the development of a new country are shown; the plow, the steamship and the communications house. The reverse shows the denomination 1,000 reis and the anniversary dates. Obverse and reverse inscriptions have been referred to in the discussion under the 2,000 reis. Refer to Y-9 for this coin.

that they had almost a monoply in sales and distribution. The map makers were well remunerated by their king for deceiving the unfriendly nations who coveted Brazil.

The imaginary land of Brazil shown on the counterfeit maps was referred to by the various names of: Ilha da Santa Cruz (Island of the Holy Cross), Vera Cruz (True Cross), Monte Pascoal (Easter Mountain), or Terra Nova (New Land). By 1531 this Portuguese possession was so well known that it was shown on the maps as Brazil.

So well was the Portuguese secret kept that it was not until the establishment of the empire in 1822 that Brazil was "opened up" to the world. Then diplomatic and scientific personnel began to visit the country and soon very favorable reports spread over the world.

Surprisingly, the first wealth exported from Brazil by the early day explorers was not precious metals or gems. It was a native redwood that was used to make a red dye in Europe. It was red as live coals and called BRAZAS by the Portuguese. When chips were stacked it looked as if they were aglow. BRAZAS finally evolved into BRAZIL.

Brazil can be spelled correctly two ways: BRAZIL and BRASIL. BRAZIL is the European spelling. In Portuguese "s" or "z" between vowels is pronounced like a "z". It is interesting to observe that Yeoman's CATALOG OF MODERN WORLD COINS, 6th edition, spells the name of the country BRAZIL. However, the Brazilian mint has used both spellings on their coinages. The reader may verify this fact by checking the Brazilian coins pictured in the Yeoman editions.

Toward the close of the 17th century the Portuguese began to develop the mining economy of Brazil since they had lost the Oriental markets which had been a part of their overseas empire. Extensive deposits of gold and diamonds were found and by the turn of the 19th century the Brazilian-Portuguese monarchy was considered the richest empire in the world.

In 1690 Brazil was only a third of her present size. She seemed permanent claims to additional territories because of the agressiveness of cattle ranchers, Jesuit missionaries, and another group called BANDEIRANTES. Although they were not bandits, the Bandeirantes acquired their nickname because, whenever it was necessary, they behaved like bandits to acquire anything of value that would satisfy their greed. In the process they endured the hardships of fever, hunger, severe weather and the ever-presence of terrifying savages.

Territorial acquisitions, mining developments, along with the cultivation of cotton, tobacco and sugar cane gave the country an incentive to expand its economy. This was very successfully accomplished under the reign of the portuguese monarchy from 1500 until 1822. Then a revolution converted the colonial government into the Brazilian Empire that

400 REIS BRAZIL 1900 - On the obverse is the Christian Cross with the Latin motto IN HOC SIGNO VINCES which is translated "In This Sign Shalt Thou Conquer." The reverse contains the denominations, commemorative dates, and inscription. Obverse and reverse inscriptions have been referred to in the discussion under 2,000 reis. The coin is known as Y-8.

lasted until November 15, 1899. A republican form of government replaced the empire.

In the year of 1900 the young republic had a documented history of 400 years. Manuel Ferroz de Campos Salles was president (1898-1902). He was a very capable official who saved Brazil from financial insolvency and this is his imprint upon Brazilian history.

His administration inherited the extravagance of inflated currency and speculation of the two previous administrations. While still the president-elect he negotiated a loan of 10,000,000 pounds with the famous banking house of Rothschild. Because of the competent and frugal administration of Campos Salles, Brazilian credit and finances were restored to a sound basis. The astonishing way in which Brazil redeemed its bankruptcy showed that the young republic had the integrity to solve crucial problems. Brazil was beginning to reach a place of importance among other nations.

At the beginning of the Salles administration a committee had been appointed to promote the 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF BRAZIL. The committee was authorized by the Brazilian Congress to have appropiate coins issued for the commemorative festivities to take place in May, 1900. The result was a commemorative set of four coins that are referred to by numismatists as the 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF BRAZIL. It is now very rare and it has a ready market in the world's numismatic bourses. Brazil is an example of an untried republic successfully advancing and advertising its interests among other nations through the medium of numismatics.

Brazil's unfavorable financial situation was such that authorities gave much thought as to whether or not it would be extravagant to issue this extra coinage. It was the final decision of the Brazilian vice president, Dr. Paulo de Frontin, that determined that these coins should be minted. On December 29, 1899 and again on January 11, 1900 he sent requests to the Ministerio Da Fazenda, (the Brazilian Treasury Department) asking for the production of this set. Congressional approval had been granted by the Budget Law No. 559-Article 15-on December 31, 1898. It gave the Central Centenary Commission the exclusive right to issue commemorative coinages for this event. Other provisions of this law were:

1. Coins could be issued in allotments as long as they did not exceed the amount of 400 thousand contos.

2. They were to be minted at the Rio mint with designs selected by the mint director and the directors of the Central Centenary Commission with the approval of the government.

The set consisted of four coins: the 100 reis, the 1,000 reis, the 2,000 reis, and the 4,000 reis. The 4,000 reis had the distinction of being the Western Hemisphere's largest silver coin until Haiti issued the 25 gourdes in 1967. Designs for these coins were made by the well known Brazilian artist, Hilarao Teixeira. Francisco Caneiro was the engraver. Statistics of interest are the following:

Minted Quantity	Denomination	Weight in Grams	Dia Measurements	Alloy Content
6,850	4,000 Reis	51.00	50.6 mm	.917 Silver
20,000	2,000 Reis	25.50	25.5 mm	.917 Silver
33,000	1,000 Reis	12.75	12.75 mm	.083 Copper
55,000	400 Reis	5.10	22.8 mm	.083 Copper

The 2,000 reis coin has an interesting fact. Because of the foreign exchange rates of 1900, this crown had a bullion value of 10% over face. It also turned up with a mystery still unsolved. The 1903 mint records show that the mint director ordered an additional 79 coins struck during that year. Kurt Prober, the prominent Brazilian numismatist, poses these questions: "For whom were they struck?" Did the Centennial Commission forget to deface the dies?"

The minting of the four milreis resulted in two varieties. One obverse with a discovery star of 16 rays, another one with 20 rays. The coin with 20 rays is slightly convex and rarer of the two varieties. This star is by Cabral's cap with which he salutes Brazil. Kurt Prober says: "It is true that some catalogs list a 14-rays variety. Unfortunately, this type does not exist. It is a figment of the imagination."

(THE AUTHOR THANKS SENHOR KURT PROBER OF RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, FOR THE USE OF HIS VALUABLE REFERENCE NUMISMATICA DATED SEPTEMBER 1949.)

(Biblography: American Peoples Encyclopedia "Topics About Brazil and Portugual;" Thomas W. Beeker, "Pageant of World Commemorative Coins;" Rose Brown, "The Land and People of Brazil;" Frank Debenham, "Discovery and Exploration;" Encyclopedia Britannica, "Topics About Brazil and Portugal;" Vera Kelsey, "Seven Keys to Brazil;" Kurt Prober, "Nmnismatica" September 1949. Topic about 4th Centennial Set; Wayte Raymond, "The Silver Dollars of North & South America;" Wm. Lytle Schurz, "Brazil - The Infinite Country;" Raymond Wohlrabe & Werner Krusch, "The Land and People of Portugal;" World Coins Magazine, December 1967, "Coin-Grams Roundup" Topic about Issues from Haiti.)

2,000 REIS BRAZIL 1900 - The obverse shows the flagship of Cabral's fleet. The inscription reads REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF BRAZIL. The reverse contains the denomination 2,000 reis, the anniversary dates, and the lettering translated as 4TH CENTENNARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF BRAZIL. NOTE: The obverse and reverse inscriptions are the same for the 2,000 and 1,000 reis as well as the 400 reis. The same inscriptions are also used on the 4,000 reis but on the opposite sides of this coin. The coin is referred to as Y-10.

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'GOOD' RATED A MISNOMER

By BRAD MILLS
Dallas Morning News

A MOVEMENT SHOULD BE STARTED to eliminate or at least rearrange the coin grading now designated as "Good." The term in its present meaning could hardly be more misleading or incorrect, since a "Good" coin is collectors now know it is hardly considered collectible by the lossy numismatist. Actually it is one held in such low esteem that veterans don't want it if a better one is available.

This columnist has received hundreds of letters from non-collectors who insisted their coins were in "Good" condition What the unsuspecting owners really meant to imply was that the coins were much nicer than the "Good" grading numismatists use for very badly worn coins actually falling in this accepted category by seasoned collectors. In plain and simple words, the "Good" grading should refer to as nice, slightly worn coin. But it doesn't. It is applied to coins with the high points worn off or at least flat. Of course, the date and general features are recognizable, but frequently the small words are completely obliterated.

To the uninitiated, such a sorry coin should not be called "Good." Obvisously the experienced collector knows that the "Good" coin is a very badly worn specimen, but even then the designation is a rank misnomer. A century ago many coin dealers regarded the "Good" coin as a nice one.

On the coin grader's scale the standard designations are Poor, Fair, Good, Very Good, Fine, Very Fine, Extremely Fine About Uncirculated and Uncirculated The "Good" term is most misleading when used by casual collectors who regard all choice coins as Good. Even dealers once advertised to buy Good coins at stated premiums, when they actually were trying to obtain coins now regarded as rather choice.

SPANISH SILVER MONEY remained the standard of the world from the conquering of Mexico until past 1850. The real workhorse was the Spanish milled dollar, also commonly referred to as "pieces of eight," eight reales, pillar dollar and silver cart wheel. The great silver output from Spanish colonies in the New World afforded an opportunity to coin large silver coins into trade pieces eagerly sought in all trade channels.

When we were groping along toward building a mint of our own in the early 1790's, our idea of a silver dollar was the Spanish prototype that still passed in this country as good money. The famous pillar type was equally as acceptable in the U.S. almost until the Civil War.

The Spanish milled dollar was cut into pieces in pie fashion to give the necessary fractions. The pieces of change cut in this form were called "bits." In this way we acquired terms "two bits," six bits," etc., each "bit" having been worth 12½c. The milled dollar was minted from excellent silver and soon became the world's standard. All of these old pieces of eight are now collector's items of a sort and some are very rare.

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NEWS ROUNDUP – A.N.A.

By NORMA MATHER
Corpus Christi, Texas
A.N.A. Representative

Each month in the **The Numismatist** you can find reviews of a variety of new numismatic books, detailed enough to give a good idea of what's covered and how, and often with a bit of humor. From these you can choose for your own library.

From the ANA Library you may borrow what you choose: if you are an ANA member or member of an ANA member club.

Sidney, Ohio Printing and Publishing Company (COIN WORLD) president J. Oliver Amos spoke of the ANA Library as "one of the most outstanding aids to numismatic education that is available to the coin collector anywhere in the world" in making a gift to the association to pay for help in the cataloging.

When Mrs. Geneva Karlson became librarian, soon after the ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs officially opened, she faced the task of recataloging over 30,000 volumes in the library. This was in addition to purchasing new books, handling the library correspondence, etc., etc.

As contributions come in it is "Genie's" job to order books which will meet needs and fill gaps in informational materials. You will note under Librarians Report in **The Numismatist** each month that the library is growing steadily. And when you send a request you'd better move fast if you want to "get turned around good" before your books are delivered. Of course if you can include the catalog number, full title and author, as given in **The Numismatist**, with your request it helps. Eventually there will be a complete cross reference and topical file and you can get materials just by sending in your general subject. Meantime, use what your ANA membership entitles you to, and when you've found out about your "goodies" share that knowledge!

Frequently reprints of articles from past issues of **The Numismatist** are made by the library for distribution at nominal cost and listed in the regular library report. Most recently they've been reprints about copper coins and one on heraldry.

Your club representative or secretary has received a neat easel-back poster and ANA membership blanks for display at meetings. Bring someone nice like you into ANA and earn $1 for your club. The library is one of the big selling points but just look at the list of committees working for you that appears in the report of the February meeting of the Board of Governors as it appears in the April issue of **The Numismatist** to see what a lot of other things are going for you.

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		3,195.36

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Banner Printing Company	320.64	
Print March News - 911 copies	224.00	
Postage	55.64	
Engraving	7.20	
Ballot envelopes - 1M	14.15	
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The Rice Hotel Deposit for 1970 TNA Convention	500.00	
TNA Historian - Supplies	13.38	
Waco Coin Club Refund of share of Permanent Home Fund	4.85	
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		2,195.28
Balance on hand as of April 30, 1969		$2,195.28
°Operating Funds		1,790.72°
°Ear-marked Funds		404.56°
Sale of TNA Convention Medals		1,009.00
Purchase of Medals		525.00

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TNA Memorial Library Fund as of March 31, 1969	243.68
Disbursement as above	25.00
Balance as of April 30, 1969	218.68
TNA Permanent Home Fund as of March 31, 1969	215.40
Refunds as above	29.52
Balance as of April 30, 1969	185.88
TNA News Continuance Fund as of April 30, 1969	1,329.30

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SEPTEMBER 28

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LIBERTY COIN CLUB, Corpus Christi, annual show, Memorial Coliseum. Gen. Chrmn: Clarence P. Davis, Box 7001, Corpus Christi, Tex. 78415.

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DISTRICT ONE:

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The **Mineral Wells Coin Club** show, held in March at the National Guard Armory, was a success in spite of the inclement weather and more than 1600 visitors signed the register, according to a report by T. H. Wheat.

Among winners in exhibits were Bill Rust, James Bateman, Dr. John Hall, John Doss Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brooks, Mrs. W. H. Carroll, Mrs. C. H. Landon and Homer Brooks.

At a recent meeting, the club discussed plans for the 1970 show set for March 7-8. It will be the fourth annual show.

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DISTRICT TWO:

Gene Hurt
Governor

Twenty five members of **Spanish Trail Coin Club** met in April at United Rent-All building in Fort Stockton for discussion of the Fall coin show.

An auction followed the business meeting. —**Bob L. Albin, T. N. A. Rep.**

DISTRICT THREE:

J. G. Pfluger
Governor

Members of **San Angelo Coin Club** heard Travis Blev speak on Mercury dimes at the April meeting held at El Patio Motor Hotel. Blev said that the dimes were his first love and which most anyone could still find to complete a set. He was awarded an A. N. A. blue ribbon for the talk.

During the business session, it was voted to have a special auction monthly at Central National Bank in the Fort Concho Room. —**Lynn Langston, Sec.**

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DISTRICT FOUR:

Lyman Bartee
Governor

Waco Coin Club members participated in a coin quiz conducted by J. P. Jones at the April meeting held at First National Bank with 20 in attendance. Sample copies of Coin World and Fact Sheets and Coining Diagrams were distributed to members and guests. —**J. P. Jones, Sec.**

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"The Similarity of Numismatics and Philatelics" was the topic discussed by Mrs. M. D. Follet at Heart

of Texas Coin & Stamp Club meeting in April. The session was held at Texas Power & Light Service Center with 25 present.

Mrs. Follet illustrated her talk with a display of coins and stamps commemorating the same event - The Texas Centennial. On exhibit was the centennial half dollar and the commemorative stamp. —**J. P. Jones, Sec.**

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DISTRICT FIVE:

Mike Brownlee
Governor

President L. P. Ryon has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election when **Grayson County Coin Club** of Sherman elects new officers. Ryon, who has been president of the club since its organization five years ago, is moving to Greenville. A resolution was adopted praising him for his dedicated service.

Lists of materials were submitted by members for the auction planned for the joint meeting of **Texomaland Coin Club** of Denison May 20. The meeting was to be held at Texas Power & Light building located between the two cities. —**Col. Charles A. Wingo, T. N. A. Rep.**

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A prize-winning collection of dollar size silver coins from all over the world was displayed at the April meeting of **Texomaland Coin Club** of Denison. The exhibit won a trophy at the **Paris Coin Club** show and is owned by Lowell Thompson of Howe. A collection of paper money owned by Col. Charles A. Wingo also won a trophy at the same show.

The club received 10 sets of uncirculated 1968 coins and awarded one set to the secretary, J. K. Meggirson. Following the meeting, Dr. Blassingame photographed some of the members' most prized coins to be made into slides for the T. N. A. Memorial Library. —**Col. Charles A. Wingo, T. N. A. Rep.**

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DISTRICT SIX:

Chris Johns
Governor

Members participating in National Coin Week were announced through the club bulletin of **Beaumont Coin Club** and included Sidney King, Mrs. Bess Stout, Neal Phelan, C. L. Babcock, Mrs. Ruby McMillian, E. R. Wentz and John Fernon. They were to have exhibited in local banks.

Jerry Williams, club vice president, presided at the March meeting in the

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absence of C. L. Babcock who was ill at the time. Fifty nine members and guests were present.

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A discussion on whether or not to incorporate was held at the April meeting of **Greater Houston Coin Club.** A committee was appointed to investigate the feasibility of the incorporation. Fifty attended the meeting held at Southwestern Saving on Westheimer Rd. – **Mrs. D. M. Nichols, Reporter.**

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Members of **La Marque Coin Club** enjoyed a color film entitled "America The Beautiful" at the April meeting. Claude Ressler was a guest and showed the film. Also present were Mrs.

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Ressler and sons.

A donation to A. N. A. T. was voted and a check was sent to Virgil Hancock. Members are assisting **Galveston County Coin Club** with the June show. —**Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

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Installation of officers and a covered dish supper took place at the April meeting of **Galveston County Coin Club** in Texas City. M. J. Anderson, outgoing president, presented a ceramic plate inscribed in gold with the names of his fellow officers. Presentation was made by Georgia Smith, the new president. Christine Richardson and Ruby Threlkeld were given silver dollars for signing up the most new members and collecting delinquent dues during 1968-69.

Mrs. Richardson was reelected treasurer and Mrs. Threlkeld is the new secretary. Newly appointed committees were: J. D. Fuller, program; Gerry Kelley, historian; and Ruby Threlkeld, entertainment.

Committee reports were given on the upcoming Coin Jamboree to be held June 14-15 at Holiday Inn Hotel and everything was shaping up for a successful show. —**Ruby Threlkeld, T. N. A. Rep.**

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DISTRICT SEVEN:

Graves Rouse
Governor

May promised to be an exciting month for members of **Alamo Coin Club**, according to the monthly bulletin. New officers were to be installed at the May 13 meeting by Bill Brothers of San Angelo, T. N. A. president.

On May 27 games and gimmicks and Buy Board was to highlight the session.

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DISTRICT EIGHT:

Clarence Davis
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Francis Fullen, president of **Brownsville Coin Club,** spoke to members on the "Caballito" peso of Mexico. 1910-11. The group of 26 met at Wagon Wheel Restaurant for a dinner meeting.

A book on numismatics was placed in the Texas Southmost College Library in Brownsville, in memory of H. L. Stokely, honorary club member and former mayor. — **Rev. Harry H. Smith, Sec.**

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Final show plans were discussed at the May 6 club meeting by members of **World Coin Club,** according to the club bulletin. The show was to be held May 17-18 at Corpus Christi museum with Jerry Fox in charge of general arrangements.

It was announced that two junior club members of the Saturday Afternoon Club at the Museum were planning to enter exhibits in the show. It was decided to have wooden nickels for the show and final sketches were approved for the design. One side depicts the Harbor Bridge and the other the Corpus Christi Museum. The design was submitted by Mrs. Erma Johnson, mother of three of the junior club members.

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Bronze ANA past President medals for all who have served since **Corpus Christi Coin Club** was founded in 1952 and a silver medal for one who has served two terms were voted April 14. Twenty-six members and a guest attended the meeting at Gulfway National Bank.

Program chairman Bob Raney announced extension of an essay contest on "If I Could Have any Coin in the World - - -" until the next meeting. He showed a silver dollar in a very attractive plaque like those for the top three essays and announced all entrants would be given BU 1964 dimes.

In reply to the question, "How does Corpus Christi Coin Club spend its money?" gifts to TNA, the ANA Building Fund, the American Numismatic Authentication Trust, and magazine subscriptions to junior high libraries were listed. A suggestion that we give books to the public libraries recalled that books had been given when Parkdale Library opened. Gladys Robbins and Bob Evans were named, with permission to choose others for a committee, to check needs of the libraries and make re-

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commendations to the club.

After refreshments, Gladys Robbins gave a program on "Food on Coins." She told that food has appeared on coins for centuries but there is new emphasis. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has persuaded members to strike coins depicting food to point up to their citizens the importance of food and improved agriculture in the fight against hunger in the world. She said this is the FIRST international series of coins. They are what are referred to in the theme for National Coin Week - "Coins . . . Links in a Chain of Peace."

Gladys explained that the seigniorage, which is the difference between cost of manufacture and face value, and profit from sale of the coins will go to the FAO directly to be used in the anti-hunger campaign. She encouraged members to invest in the coins and so cooperate in the campaign while building an exciting collection for which a special album has been prepared.

Five guests joined twenty members for the April 28 meeting.

National Coin Week activity was reported as distribution of posters provided by ANA to 17 secondary school libraries and Del Mar Junior College. Junior high librarians, who had received copies of the coin magazine through subscriptions provided by the club, were very cooperative in planning displays for National Coin Week incorporating books on hand and copies of the magazine.

A committee was appointed to plan for a dinner as the last meeting of the year when past president medals will be presented.

C. H. Roberts gave an instructive program on "400th Anniversary of Discovery - Brazilian Commemoratives." He developed the background by telling of Prince Henry the Navigator, his the first naval school, his development of maps, how he encouraged exploration along the coast of Africa and eventually around the tip and on to India. He said that Columbus used Portuguese charts on his voyages.

He told how the objection of King John of Portugal to the Pope giving so much land to Spain, and the resultant decree setting up the Line of Demarcation which is the reason Brazil is Portuguese speaking today.

Roberts said, "The history of Brazil really began in Lisbon in 1500 when King Manuel sent Pedro Alvarez Cabral on an expedition of discovery." He went on to tell of the expansion and development of the country. He then showed the four type coins of 1900 which commemorate Cabral's arrival and explained designs on the coins and in the coat of arms and flag of Brazil. He also showed identification pictures he has had made of his coins showing numismatic information about them on the back and explained that this is the sort of thing planned by the American Numismatic Authentication Trust.

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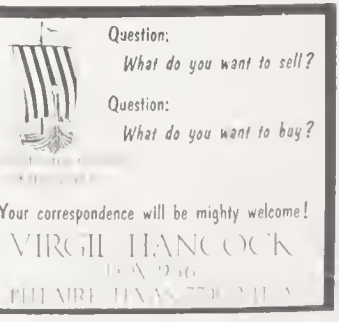
A final score tally for National Coin Week participation was given by Miriam Gilmore at the May 1 meeting of Hidalgo Coin Club of McAllen. The club entered NCW in competition, and compiled a scrapbook which



was mailed to A. N. A. headquarters by the deadline of May 5. —**John L. Chisum, T. N. A. Rep.**

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DISTRICT NINE:

Bob Medlar
Governor

New officers were elected for **Levelland Coin & Stamp Club** at the April meeting held at Chamber of Commerce building with 12 in attendance.

To serve are D. O. Joplin, president E. L. Pitzer, treasurer, and W. E. Stephens, secretary. Also elected was Alton Logsdon as attendance prize chairman. —**D. O. Joplin, Reporter.**

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Twenty four members and two guests attended the April meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** at Garden & Arts Center in Lubbock.

During the business session, members voted to transfer home and headquarters fund to the general T. N. A. fund; discussed the merits of A. N. A. T., and heard committee reports on the Spring Show. —**D. O. Joplin, Reporter.**

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Larry Sanderson gave a short talk on exhibits at the **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield with 29 members and guests present. Sanderson gave information and layouts for displays for coin shows.

The club is now meeting the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at Pioneer Natural Gas Co. in the Flame Room. —**Hazel Sharp, Reporter.**

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DISTRICT ELEVEN:

Troy H. Coan
Governor

Final plans were discussed for the April coin show sponsored by **XIT Coin Club** of Dalhart at the recent meeting. It was announced that exhibit trophies were to be awarded in both junior and senior classes.

The meeting was held, with 14 present, at Western Skies Motel. —**Troy H. Coan, Gov. Dist. 11.**

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Troy Coan presented a discussion type program on numismatic terms at the April meeting of **Moore County Coin Club** of Dumas. Fifteen members met at Moore County Court House.

Coan gave the terms as outlined in "The Dictionary of Numismatic Terms" published by A. N. A. in 1968. —**Troy H. Coan, Gov. Dist. 11.**

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Lloyd Colvin gave a final report on the coin show held in March by members of **Amarillo Coin Club** at the April meeting in the XIT Room of Herring Hotel. Eighteen attended.

Following refreshments, Fred Cornelius gave a talk on "Symbols on Ancient Coins." —**Troy H. Coan, Gov. Dist. 11.**

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Exhibits highlighted the recent meeting of **East Texas Coin Club** when several members displayed a gold type set with the $50 octagonal slug, private issue gold, a complete type set, regular issue, type set from ½c to $1 and commemorative gold.

The meeting, with 35 present, was held at Texas Power & Light Co. auditorium. —**Dale Warnasch, Reporter.**

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DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

Wm. Rust
Governor

Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club met in April at the Y. M. C. A. building with 30 members and guests in attendance.

Roy Thompson showed his special stamp collections and discussed his United Nations stamp collection which he began in 1952. He also displayed air letters of first day issues and Christmas stamps of 1968. —**Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity.**

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